

REMARKS

In the last Office Action, claims 10-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Stewart et al. in view of Neary and the newly cited reference to Hosono. Claims 21-26 were allowed.

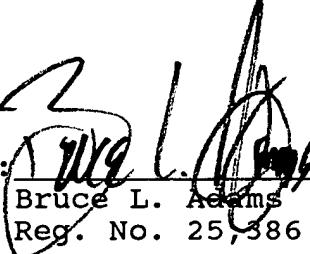
In accordance with this amendment, rejected claims 10-20 have been canceled thereby leaving only allowed claims 21-26 pending in the application.

The cancellation of rejected claims 10-20 does not raise a new issue that would require further search or consideration. To the contrary, the cancellation of these rejected claims leaving only allowed claims 21-26 does, on its face, place the application in condition of allowance.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and entry of this amendment together with passage of the application to issue are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

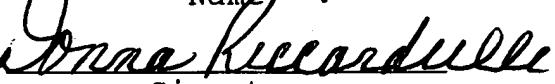
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